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(54) LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD AND LIQUID DISCHARGE APPARATUS USING THE **SAME**

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ABSTRACT (57)

A liquid discharge head including a liquid storage chamber capable of holding a liquid, a liquid communication pipe communicating with the liquid storage chamber and being configured to supply the liquid from a liquid tank to the liquid storage chamber by installing the liquid tank to the pipe to communicate with the liquid tank, a discharge port communicating with the liquid storage chamber to discharge the liquid, an electrode pair each having an outside end portion located outside the liquid storage chamber and detecting a liquid level of the liquid storage chamber, and an electric contact portion connected to the outside end portion of each of the electrode pair. The electric contact portion is located above the liquid communication pipe with a discharge port surface on which the discharge port opens taking a position facing perpendicularly downward.

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